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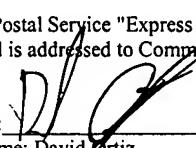
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 14, 2004, said period of response being extended from September 14, 2004 to October 14, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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